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Inspection of TIFA, Limited, Millington, (Passaic Township), Morris County

On March 26, 1981, the writer, accompanied by Ms. Lisa Fleming of Pesticides, and Larry Mazyka of the Division of Hazardous Management, inspected TIFA, Limited in Millington, Morris County. A superior court judge authorized this inspection to determine if an environmental problem exists at the plant site and to determine if TIFA uses or manufactures pesticides at this facility. The Department representatives met Mr. Arnold Livingston of TIFA and his attorney, Joseph S. Seidel and began the inspection at 2:10 p.m. TIFA was given advance notice of this inspection.

Mr. Livingston stated that at this location machine parts are assembled to make foggers, sprayers, and trailers. Foggers and sprayers are used to disperse pesticides. TIFA tests these assembled machines with water. Livingston said that except for the oils needed to operate machines, no oils, kerosene, or pesticides are used at the plant.

After this brief introduction to TIFA's operations, the writer and the other Department representatives were escorted by Mr. Livingston and Mr. Seidel through TIFA's manufacturing building. Large areas of the building are unused and TIFA rents various rooms to other businesses. Mr. Larry Mazyka obtained a list of the names of the tenants and their locations in the building.

In one very large room, TIFA assembles the machines. In another room TIFA stored about 50 clean, painted 55 gallon drums. Livingston said that these drums stored fuel and motor oil which is used for the operations of machines. After use these drums are cleaned and painted. Livingston then sells the drums. In another large room the writer saw a large puddle of water. Livingston claimed the puddle was due to cold weather which broke a water pipe. In this same room, the Department representatives saw a sprayer. Near the sprayer was a drum which Livingston said was filled with kerosene. He said that TIFA was testing the machine but refused to delve into details because the test involved a top secret government project.

Livingston said the building has no floor drains and the building's only discharges are sanitary into a sewer line. The writer did not see any floor drains or any evidence of any discharge from the building besides the sanitary line. In addition, except for the drum of kerosene, the writer did not obtain any evidence that TIFA uses or manufactures pesticides or any other hazardous materials.

The inspectors also inspected the outside grounds of the building, including the asbestos dump. The results of this second investigation is described in another memorandum.

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